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Tennessee Winter Wheat Production Forecast up 5% from 2019

Tennessee farmers expect to harvest 15.2 million bushels of **winter wheat** during 2020 according to the Tennessee field office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The expected crop for 2020 would be up 5% from the previous year. The forecast was based on crop conditions as of June 1 and was unchanged from the May forecast. Growers expect a yield of 66.0 bushels per acre, down 1.0 bushels from 2019 and unchanged bushels from May. Farmers seeded 310,000 acres last fall with 230,000 acres to be harvested for grain. Acres for other uses totaled 80,000 acres and will be used as cover crop for tobacco or cut as silage or hay.

As of June 1, winter wheat was rated as 3% very poor, 7% poor, 37% fair, 41% good, and 12% excellent.

Winter wheat production for the **Nation** was forecast at 1.27 billion bushels, up 1% from the May 1 forecast and down 3% from 2019. Based on June 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 52.1 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushels from last month and down 1.5 bushels from last year. The expected area to be harvested for grain or seed totals 24.3 million acres, down slightly from last year.